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1. Heiterblick Barracks, Leipzig. The west guard contact post wear black facings with red borders. They wear no insignia, and do not carry small arms. There are two patrols with machine pistols on the south front of the barracks. One patrol wears facings with transport troop insignia. There are two traveling patrols along the garage with machine pistols. Vehicles

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Recruit training was going on back of the building on the drill ground.

2. Schönewitz Barracks. The east guard post wears artillery insignia, likewise the contact post of the middle guard. Vehicles were observed on 12 Dec 53:

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Recruit training with infantry arms was going on back of the barracks. About 20 targets were set up to indicate tank and artillery guns. About 60 posts about 60 cm high, red above and white below, served as position markers. Nine raised platforms about two meters high were counted.

3. There is a school for armored vehicle operators at Bienitz. T-34-85 tanks are used for instruction purposes.

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4. Treitschke Barracks. The contact post has black facings with red borders. The troops stationed here get training in music and sports. They apparently are headquarters troops. Vehicles [redacted] were observed on 10 Dec 53:

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5. Train. (sic) The post wears facings of black with red borders and transport troop insignia. [redacted]

6. Stola Barracks. Contact post wears facings and shoulder boards of black with red borders. No arms and no insignia. [redacted]

7. Hilenka Barracks. Posts wear shoulder boards and facings of blue with black borders, and air force insignia. Probably air force construction troops. No training activity. [redacted]

8. Headquarters Leibrig. Posts wear black facings and shoulder boards with red borders and carry machine pistols. [redacted]

9. Headquarters. [redacted]

10. Schönew Barracks. Training with four 57 mm antitank guns was going on back of the barracks. Also recruit training. The barracks are occupied by between 1,100 and 1,200 men. [redacted]

11. Treitschke Barracks. These barracks are occupied by 400 men. A musicians' platoon is stationed here. [redacted]

12. Stola Barracks. Alterations are being made in the north part of the buildings. About 200 combat troops are stationed here. [redacted]

13. Heiterblick Barracks. There is a motorcycle school west of the barracks. The students are taught obstacle riding. Recruit training is done back of the barracks. [redacted]

14. Jena. There have been no changes in the barracks at Jena-Lobeda. The tanks are distributed around and many of them have no batteries. The batteries are stored in two heated bunkers near the tank shelters. About 20 of the tanks are ready for service, and engage in frequent exercises. [redacted]

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